

**The Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Minutes of May 20, 2008 Meeting**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by TuLynn Smylie, First Vice chair at 12:05 p.m.

2. Minutes of the April 15, 2008 Meetings

Minutes of the April 15, were approved with corrections.

3. Public Comments/Announcements

- Laura Shotzbarger – GERDA project is multifaceted effort includes DA, Public Defender's Office, Services providers and other agencies. The community section of the Protocol provided copies to those agencies that have the time and interest to review.
- Terra Slavin – The California Supreme Court ruled on same sex marriage, there will be a forum on _____ to discuss the issues and concerns.

4. Executive Report – Vicki Lewis Adams reported that the Executive Board met Thursday May 8, 2008

Legislation reviewed will be presented to you today.

The Betty Fisher Award criteria is being reviewed by the Ad hoc committee. Individuals are invited to participate in the Ad hoc committee; another way to get involved.

Ester Soriano left a legacy in the work she did with LA County, the DVC honor her.

Immigration Task force; there are many issues associated with undocumented victims of domestic violence. A meeting will be scheduled and _____

5. Committee Reports

Shelter Directors – *Gina Chadwick* – The Shelter Directors meets prior to the General meeting in the basement Conference room located in the cafeteria. The Shelter Directors are working on the retreat scheduled for August 19 at YWCA of Glendale.

Legislative Issues – *Co-Chair Denise Labertew* – Draft template letters provided are a sample so that your agency can consider opposing or supporting legislation and several bills were personated.

Health Issues – *Olivia* - A meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 23, 2008 at 10am. The Health Issues committee in past has worked on produced a couple of tools for the health community; DV health screening cards that some of the public health nurses use when making home visits.

CSI – (Legal Issues) – Co-Chair Eve Sheedy reported that Judge Juhas will attend June's CSI meeting.

LGBT Issues – Co-Chair; Terra Slavin – The committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Gay & Lesbian Center from 10 to 12 noon. The September 25, 2008 conference will be posted on "Face Book" and "My Space". A portion of the conference will be dedicated to discuss interpersonal violence & healthy relationships. It will take place at the California Endowment.

Training - No report (committee is inactive at the present time)

Religion and Domestic Violence – No report

Incarcerated DV Survivor Task Force Report - Kimberly Wong – Brief description of the Star Project – 5 year funding by the state of California, in collaboration with Prototypes, to help DV Survivors that have been incarcerated for prostitution which was linked to past DV abuse. The project helps convicted women take part in this program (at Star House-South Los Angeles) instead of being incarcerated to help develop career strategizing, attend parenting classes, drug and alcohol awareness classes and counseling.

6. Guest Speakers: Maria Foster – DV Victim Advocate & Co-Chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Task Force

The API Task Force is working to address the issues of the 137 languages of the diverse population in LA County. The Task Force meets on the last Wednesday of the month, next meeting is May 28 and is hosted by different agencies. Please check with _____ for next meeting location.

7. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.